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## THE ASSOCIATION'S REPORT

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October 30th, 1932.

In presenting this, the fourth official publication of the 11st Battalion Association, your committee takes pleasure in reporting progress in the compilation of all available names and corrected addresses of comrades of this Association. Whereas in the last booklet something like 1,000 names and addresses appeared, we now give you nearly 1,300; more than 150 new names and many changed addresses. We are grateful for the assistance given by all members toward locating comrades with whom we had lost touch, but even now our percentage of "known" addresses to "unknown" is very small, so would urge all to let their efforts to "unearth" the "unknown" be unrelenting. A copy of this Directory is being forwarded to every known member free of charge.

The object of this publication is primarily to afford to members the opportunity of corresponding with chums whose whereabouts would otherwise be unknown to them. We hope it will result in fostering and perpetuating the wonderful spirit of comradeship and co-operation engendered in the Battalion in France and Belgium. Our desire is that this booklet will be accepted by all as a greeting of goodwill and will help to cement the good fellowship between those of us in Calgary and you others at more distant points.

In the last Year Book reference was made to the emblazonment of awarded battle honors on the flag of the old unit. This has been completed and presents a wonderful piece of workmanship of which we are proud. It is now deposited in the Pro-Cathedral in Calgary where it may be seen by all who wish. Photographic reproductions of it may be obtained from the Secretary at the following prices; unmounted, 75c,

mounted, \$1.00 each. A greatly enlarged photograph of it has been presented by the Association to the Canadian Legion, Calgary, and now hangs in the lounge room of that Club. Your committee is still working in connection with the writing of a "History of the Unit," and feels that discreet progress will avoid unnecessary regrets.

As you peruse the names given in these pages new names and their addresses will occur to you. Please make a list of them and send to R. G. Fleming, 117 - 8th Avenue N.E., Calgary, immediately. When you change your address, remember to advise him at once. We have a long list of members of "unknown address" due to removal, and we wish to keep this to the absolute minimum. Use the enclosed colored form. Members who receive their mail forwarded from an old address will do a favor to us and themselves by advising us. The committee would appreciate hearing from you on any subject relating to the Association, in appreciation or making suggestions. In this way we can shape our policies to the wish of the majority.

The past year has been a busy one for the Association, under the guidance of our untiring President, Ike Florence. At the last Reunion Dinner, on November 15th, 1931, we had a wonderful time, nearly two hundred attending. It was one of the most successful ever held, and the number of out-of-town members present was very gratifying. Sections from such widely scattered towns as Edmonton, Saskatoon, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge, with intermediate points, were represented. We hope to welcome an even larger representation from out-of-town on November 12th next. Last February a Smoking Concert was held in the Legion Hall, Calgary, at which about four hundred were present. On the following July let a monster

free Picnic was planned at Sheildice Park for members and their families. A good time was enjoyed by the 750 persons who were present. Keen competition was experienced, not only in the sports events, but more especially at the ice cream and soft drink test. Then in October just passed a Grand Concert was given by the best talent in Calgary, artists kindly donating their gifts for our pleasure. A nominal admission charge netted sufficient funds to defray the expenses together with the deficit incurred at the free Picnic on July 1st. We thank all who supported us in the venture.

The Association during the past year has sent wreaths to funerals of a number of comrades whose deaths have occurred in various parts of the country. This has been done as a last token of respect on behalf of those who served overseas with them. The Visiting Committee has visited comrades in hospital and sick at home whenever known, and sought to bring cheer to them. Many other services could be performed, and will be, as funds become more abundant.

Finally, Comrades, you are invited to send in contributions in whatever measure you are able toward the cost of this booklet and the general expenses of the Association. The cost of unblazoning the flag was a heavy drain on our meagre funds. No membership fee is imposed, as many comrades would then be unable to join, consequently, we have no regular revenue and must rely on the generosity of those of our members who are able to contribute. It is well worth while to keep alive that old spirit of comradeship and pride in the 31st Battalion, so let us each give a hand to help the Association continue the good work of the past.

### Here Are a Few Things to Remember

1. Be on the watch for new names and addresses.
2. Send in change of address when you move.
3. Advise correct address of any comrade now given incorrectly. However, be certain the one you give is his PRESENT address.
4. Write the committee a word of appreciation or suggestion.
5. Send in a contribution, as you are able, toward the cost of the Association's activities. Contributions to be sent to the Treasurer, W. C. West, 5 Georgian Court, Calgary.

DO IT NOW!!

Best wishes to all.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,  
31st Battalion Association.

## AN APPRECIATION FROM PRESIDENT FLORENCE

Comrades of the 31st Battalion, I thank you for the honor you bestowed on me by electing me your President for the year 1932. It has been a year full of pleasure for me, in that I had an exemplary executive committee, who have advised, counselled and co-operated with me to such an extent that this year's work will remain one of my pleasantest memories. We endeavored at all times to keep the members of our unit together, by such affairs as smokers, concerts, a picnic, and finally our Annual Reunion. (The alphabetical directory is for your convenience in knowing where your comrades are).

Comrades, it should be your duty, wherever possible, to attend your functions and support those whose only desire is to make you all happy.

That spirit of comradeship which was born nearly eighteen years ago is ripening into a feeling and thought that we are one large happy family, living in harmony, and that is the loftiest achievement that any organization can aim for.

Once again thanking my executive committee and all those who assisted me, and for your confidence in selecting me for such an honored position. May I assure you of my continued interest in the future welfare of the 31st Battalion Association.

Humbly and affectionately yours,

I. FLORENCE, President, 1932.



*A MESSAGE FROM  
BRIG.-GEN. A. H. BELL, C.M.G., D.S.O.*

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*It need hardly be said that the publication of a new Year Book containing an extended list of names and addresses is welcomed by all and I appreciate the opportunity afforded to me by the 31st Battalion Association to identify myself with this production by writing a few words to be included in it, and am glad, of the means thus offered to extend a greeting to all old members of the Battalion into whose hands the book may fall.*

*I note that the Annual Reunion Dinner, commemorating the formation of the Battalion is scheduled for November 12th. On that date the thoughts of those of us who are unable to be present will naturally turn to Calgary. Though we cannot take part, it is pleasant to know that so many of those with whom we served will be again together. We picture them recalling incidents in which we shared, and, we hope, pausing sometimes to bestow a kindly thought upon ourselves.*

*Though far removed from Alberta, I hear from time to time of the activities of the Battalion Association, and would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the President and Executive on all that they have done and are doing in the interests of the members of the old Battalion and their families. Though many of us are so placed as to be unable to share the work or take part in the various re-unions that have been organized, we nevertheless owe a debt of gratitude to those who continue to strive so loyally to preserve the spirit and traditions of the Battalion, whose active career we look back upon with justifiable pride.*





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| Other Ranks | 865    | Other Ranks | 2427    |

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|   |            |
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| O.B.E.  | 8          |
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| Bar to D.S.O.   | 2          |
| M.C.  | 47         |
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| Brown, R.              | 1927 |
| Barberry, R. J. (S M.) | 1930 |
| Cawthorn H.            | 1927 |
| Cranston, G. G.        | 1927 |
| Daly P. J. (Lt.-Col.)  | 1921 |
| Dawson, L. H. (Maj.)   | 1931 |
| Donald, J. ....        | 1931 |
| Fennell, R.            | 1929 |
| Forster, W. B. (Maj.)  | 1927 |
| Poster, H. ....        | 1922 |
| Friend, D. W. (Lt.)    | 1930 |
| Gaskell, S.            | 1928 |
| Glazier, T.            | 1930 |
| Hampton, G.            | 1928 |
| Hancock, Chas.         | 1929 |
| Hill, G. F.            | 1930 |
| Jenkins, ? (Sergt.)    | (?)  |

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| Kennedy, Dave (Capt.)        | 1921 |
| Kidd, Frank                  | 1927 |
| Lawrie, T. B.                | 1931 |
| Lamoges, Pastro              | 1927 |
| Mabon, J. F.                 | 1918 |
| Marshall, Harry              | 1924 |
| Moore, W. F.                 | 1923 |
| Munaster, J. (Lt.)           | 1928 |
| Newton, Jerry (S.M.)         | 1931 |
| Page, J. C. (Capt. Q.M.)     | 1928 |
| Piper, W. W. (Maj.)          | 1928 |
| Pippin, C. L.                | 1924 |
| Roach, J. B.                 | 1920 |
| Rowden, M. (S.M.)            | 1928 |
| Skelton, W. (C.Q.M.S.)       | 1925 |
| Sketchley, F. V.             | 1922 |
| Spence, G.                   | 1922 |
| Spiane, A. W. (Maj.)         | 1920 |
| Stewart, J. D. B. (Lt.-Col.) | 1931 |
| Tucker, F. B. R. (Capt.)     | 1931 |
| Wakefield, G. W.             | 1931 |
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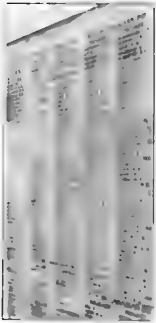
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